

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 449

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe Edward Gibson of
Morristown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the death of Dr. Joe Edward Gibson; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary public servant and consummate professional, he worked
assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson served with acumen and alacrity as a dentist, in which position
he earned the respect of his peers and patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, Dr. Gibson also served on the Hamblen County
School Board; he was a staunch supporter of the East High Hurricanes and all of the other
schools in Hamblen County; and

WHEREAS, a former Representative for the State of Tennessee in 1983, Dr. Joe
Edward Gibson also served as Chairman of the Hamblen County Democratic Party from 1978
until 1985; in addition, he ably served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club and
as a member of the Rotary Club of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Gibson was an active and devout member of the First United
Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Morristown High School, he entered the United States Marines Air Corps during World War II; a Tail-Gunner on a B-25 bomber in the Pacific Theater, he fought at Guadalcanal and was once shot down by enemy gunfire; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson enrolled at Carson-Newman College, after completing his military service, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1949, the same year he garnered Carson-Newman's top biology prize; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-six years, Dorothy King Gibson, and was the proud father of Ann Gibson Rockwell, Elizabeth Jane Gibson, Lynne Gibson Holt, Joe Edward Gibson, Jr., and Amy Gibson Kuenzinger; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his brother, Charles R. "Buddy" Gibson; his grandchildren, Emily and Scott Rockwell, Sam, Haley, and Jill Holt, Joe E. "Chip" Gibson III, Ben, and Katelyn Gibson, and Jay, William, and Kelly Kuenzinger; and his many cousins, nephews, nieces, and devoted friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Joe Edward Gibson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Gibson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.